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## **Nucleus**

Prototyping a secure internal collaboration space for LANL research

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## Results from Data Management Surveys, Working Groups

- Need for infrastructure to support internal and external research collaboration
  - Providing data storage and data sharing
  - Integration with frequently utilized research tools/flows
  - Support documentation and preservation
  - Compliant with LANL policies re data management, review and release, security



## Others Have Invested in Data Management Infrastructure

| Institution                            | Staffing             |
|--|----------------------|
| Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory | 1 PT                 |
| National Renewable Energy Laboratory   | 3 FTE + 1 PT         |
| Oak Ridge National Laboratory          | 3 FTE                |
| Purdue University                      | 5 FTE + 2-3 students |
| University of New Mexico               | 2 FTE + 3 students   |



## Taking Action at LANL

 Reality: LANL policies prevent the use of off-the-shelf, cloudbased "open science" platforms that many other research institutions use.

#### Ergo:

- Investigate the feasibility of a local solution
- Goal: address internal data management & collaboration

#### Nucleus Project

- Pilot effort by the Research Library
- Since January 2017; 1 FTE hired; 4 PT contributors
- Based on a local install of the Open Science Framework software





## Open Science Framework



- Open Source Software
- Default use is in the cloud-based portal osf.io that supports multi-organizational open science and collaborative scholarship
- Provides glue for many aspects of the research workflow
- Offers integrations with many existing productivity tools
- Developed and maintained by the Center for Open Science at the University of Virginia





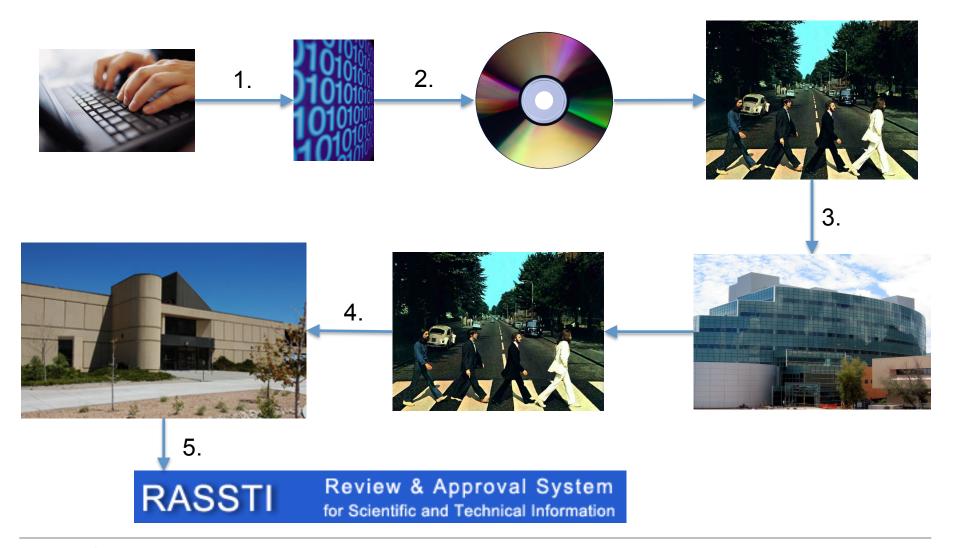
## Core Anticipated Benefits for Researchers

- Optimize a researcher's use of time by:
  - Making it easier to accomplish collaborative goals
  - Reducing number of steps to achieve goals
  - Reducing potential for errors when accomplishing goals
  - Improving project management, communication
- By deploying a platform that:
  - Streamlines workflows
  - Provides glue between systems/tools
  - Provides an overview of assets involved in research collaboration





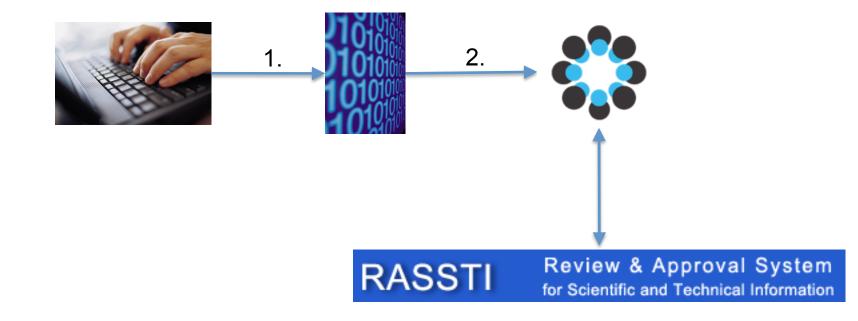
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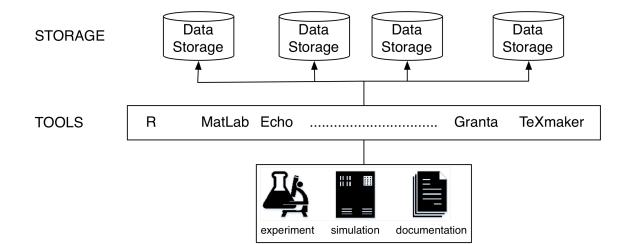


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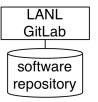


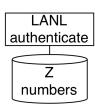


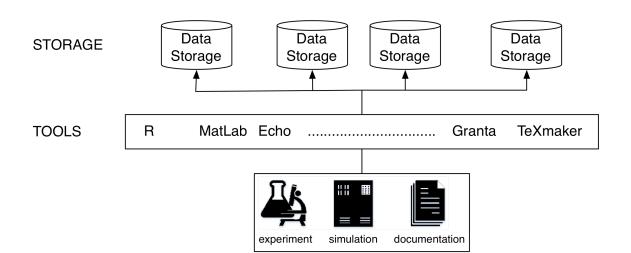
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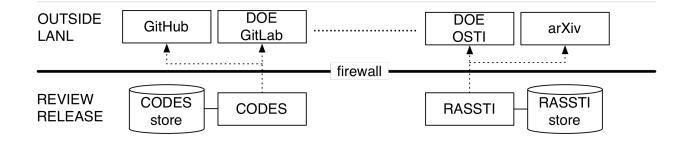


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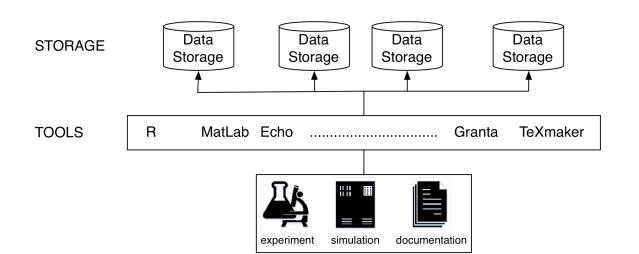


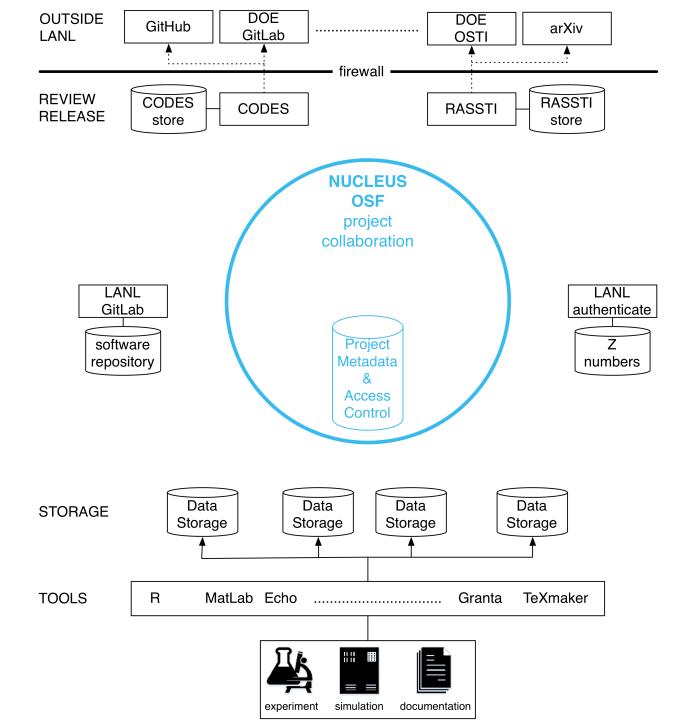


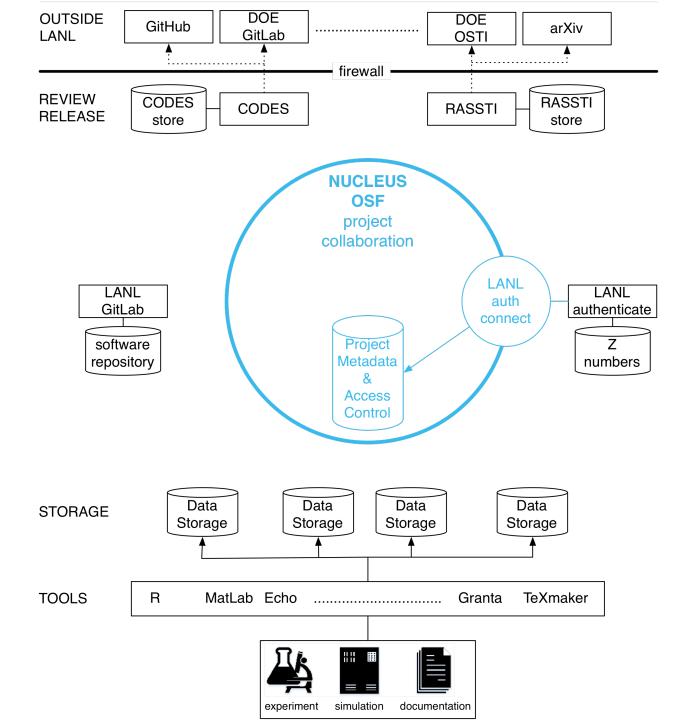


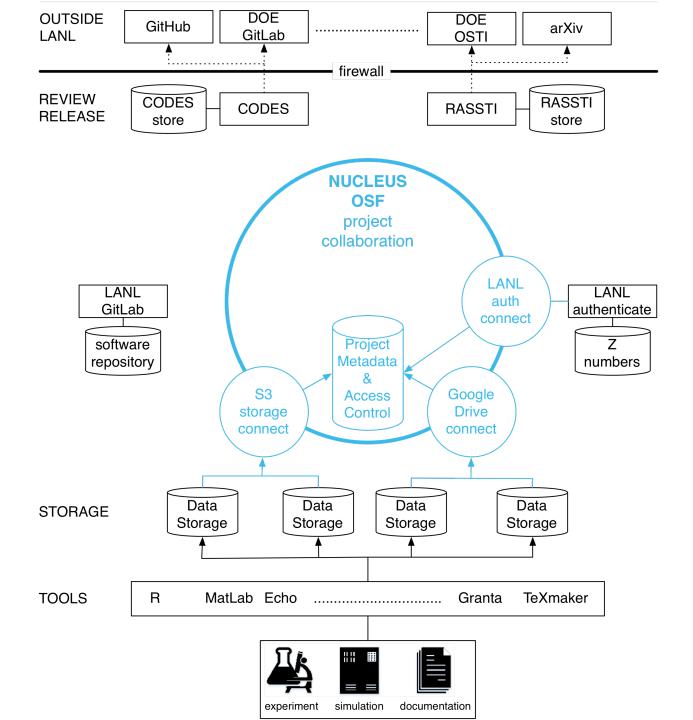


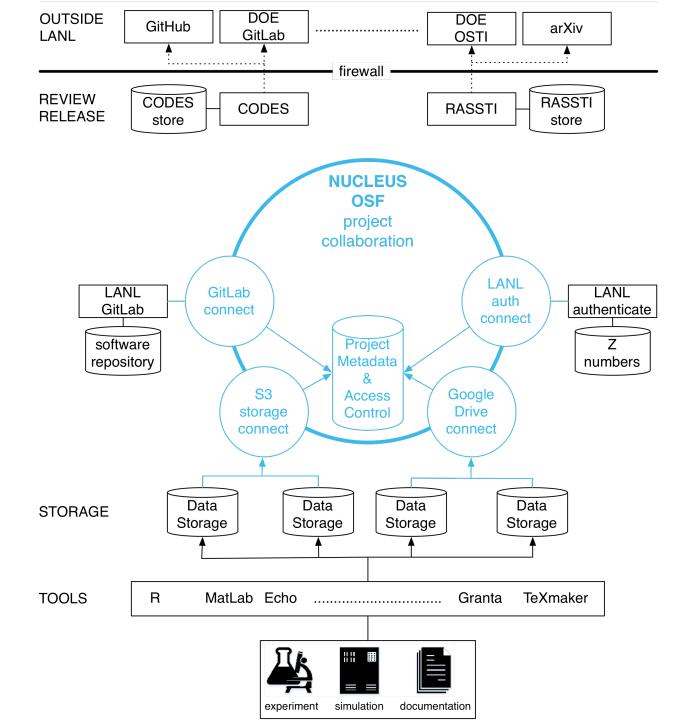


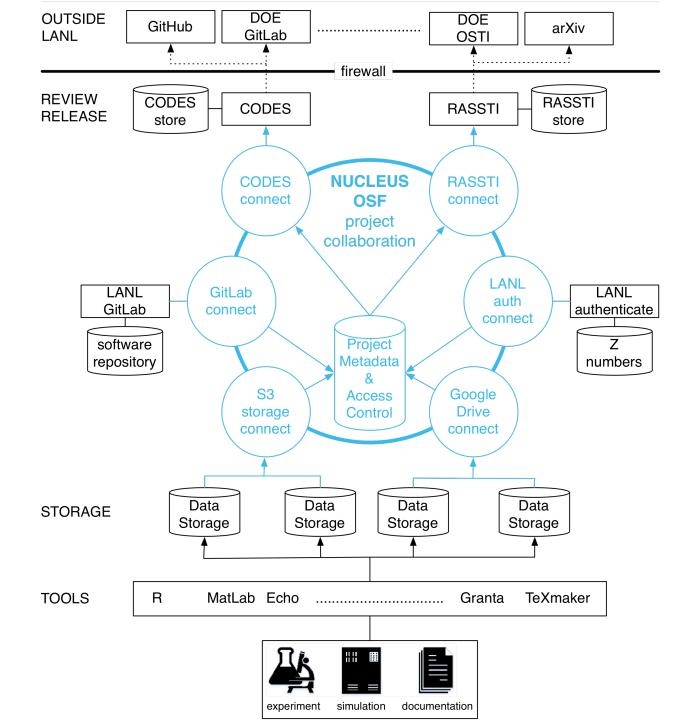


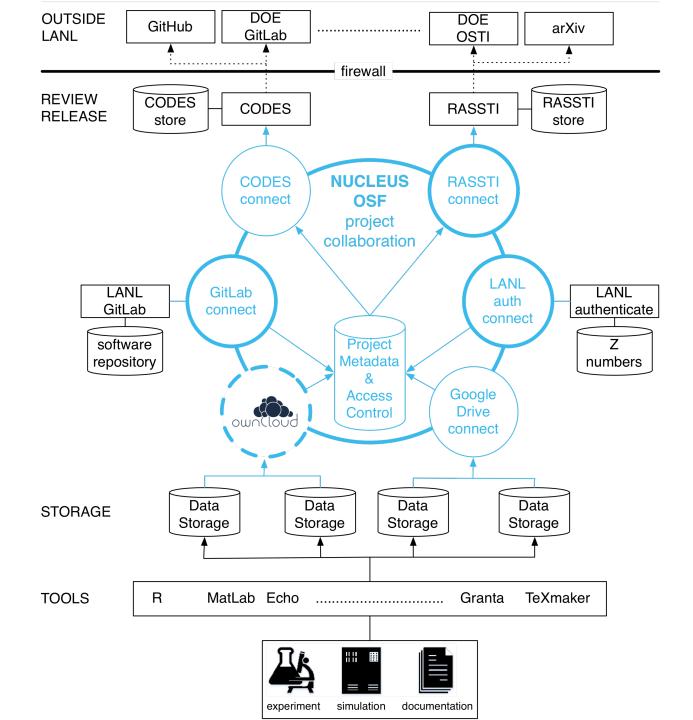


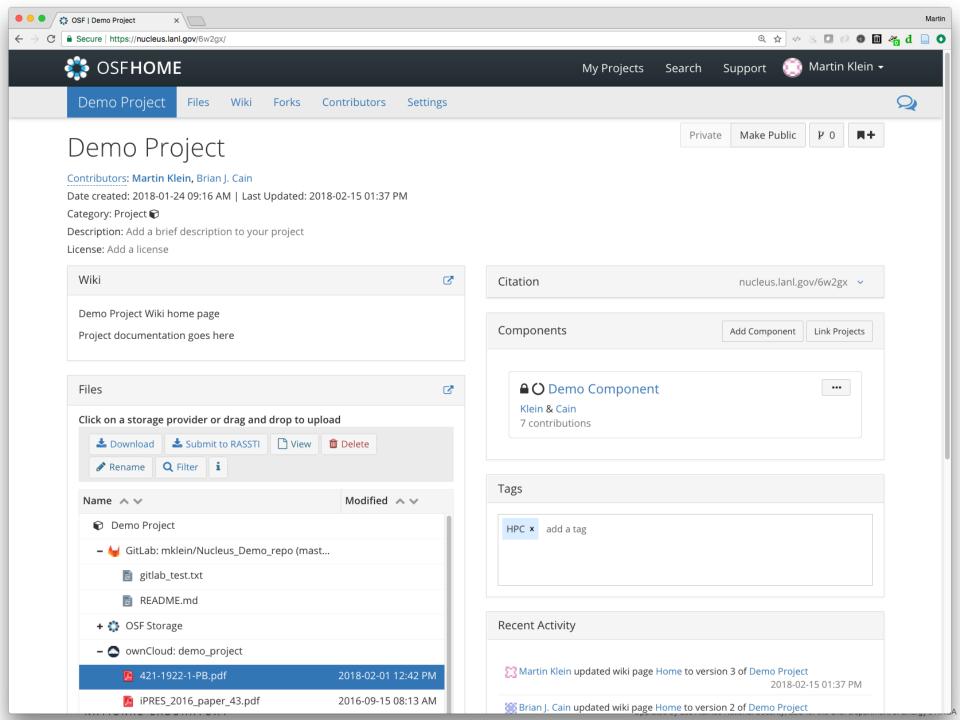


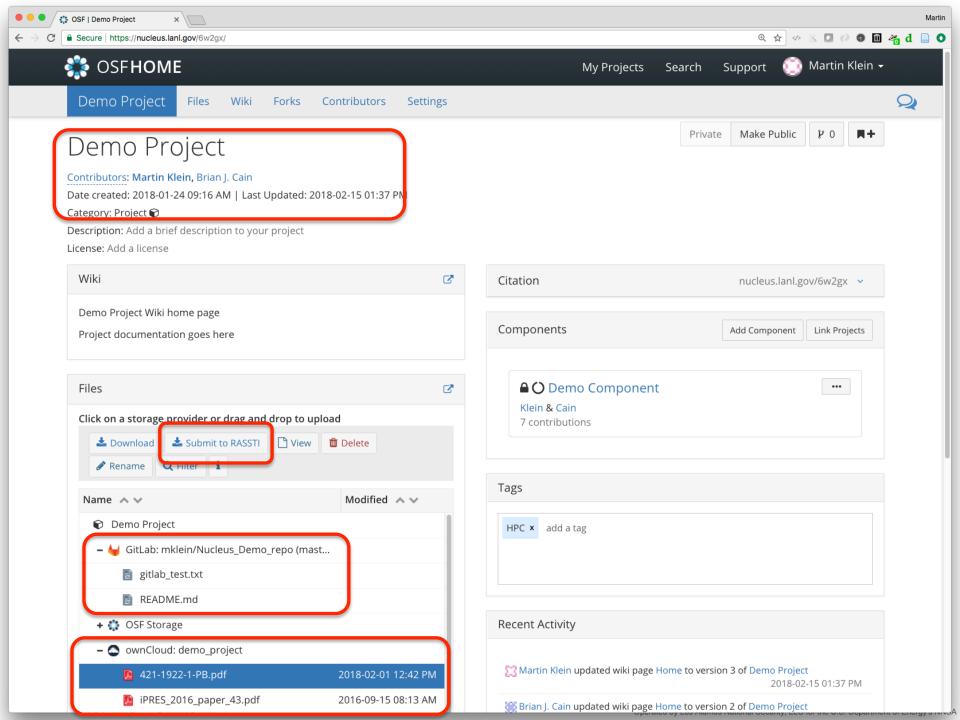












#### **Current Nucleus Status**

- OSF software installed at LANL (currently on IoD)
- OCE accessible
- Authentication based on Z number and cryptocard
- Account management based on Z number
- Connectors:
  - ownCloud storage, for demonstration purposes
  - LANL GitLab
  - RASSTI, initial integration
- Presented to RL Advisory Board and Executive Data Committee
- User testing is ongoing





## Questions with Regard to Possible Deployment of Nucleus

- Who should take ownership?
  - ADBI is largely focused on administrative IT
  - No academic IT department
  - Is this a Research Library task?
  - Is there interest in such a service in the classified realm?
- Resources beyond the pilot?
  - Estimated initial need for 2 FTE
- Technical challenges
  - Storage connectors supported by OSF are not supported at LANL
  - Storage at institution, division, group level?
  - Cybersecurity review



